T. Labonte backs into victory in Goody's 500

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Terry Labonte, trying to hold off hard-charging Dale Earnhardt in heavy traffic, won the rain-delayed Goody's 500 on Saturday night while sliding backward across the finish line at Bristol International Raceway.

Earnhardt, who had several other run-ins during the long night, slammed into the rear of Labonte's car, sending the leader spinning at the end of lap 500.

The start of the 500-lap race on Bristol's .533-mile concrete oval was delayed 89 minutes and the race was further slowed by a race-record 15 caution flags for 105 laps.

Dale Jarrett, who led 99 laps in the second half of the race, wound up third, followed by 12-time Bristol winner Darrell Waltrip and record-setting pole-winner Mark Martin.

■ **BERGER CLINCHES POLE:** SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS, Belgium — Formula One points leader Michael Schumacher, bedeviled by Belgium's trademark showers, had the 16th-fastest time in qualifying for the Belgian Grand Prix. Schumacher was more than 4½ seconds slower than pole-winner Gerhard Berger and teammate Jean Alesi on the 4.333-mile course.

Berger's best lap was 137.177 mph. He ran the course in 1 minute, 54.392 second, edging Alesi by .239 seconds.

NOTABLE: Race car driver **Douglas Allan Wolfgang,** who broke his neck during a practice lap crash at Lakeside Speedway, was awarded $1.2 million by a federal grand jury in Kansas City. . . . **Joret Schroeder** earned his second consecutive Formula Ford 2000 victory, overcoming rainy conditions at Road Atlanta. . . . **Warren Stilwell** won his second straight SCCA Spec Racer Pro Series drivers title at Road Atlanta. . . . **Ron Fellows** posted a lap of 76.766 mph in torrential rain to win the pole for today's Toyota Trans-Am Classic SCCA race.

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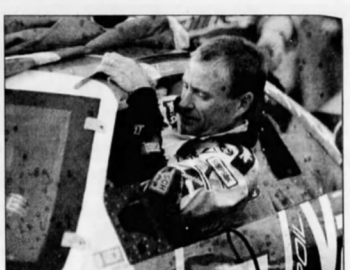

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Pole-sitter Mark Martin climbs into his car before start of Goody's 500.

Saugus refugee takes OSS Pro Stock main

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SAN BERNARDINO — This was hardly a victory dedicated to the memory of Rick Crow's former track. More like a sign of acceptance from the new 'hood.

Rick Crow of Simi Valley became the first driver from closed-down Saugus Speedway to win a main event at Orange Show Speedway, taking the 30-lap Pro Stock main on Saturday.

Crow led wire-to-wire in his first OSS race to take the victory over Curtis Brown of Hacienda Heights. Crow's car still gave its all to win. The engine backfired and the radiator blew when he accepted the checkered flag from the track referee.

"It's a win but in the long run, I don't mean anything to these guys," Crow said. "They're in this for the points standings and this being my first time here . . . they can afford having me win."

Saugus closed abruptly in mid-July due to inadequate grandstands. Crow said he won't become a regular at OSS, but would like to race here again.

"There's a lot of young drivers here," he said. "Good young drivers that can do things. The cars were even faster than mine."

Redlands' Tim Clyde was third and Mark McGuire and Kevin James, both of Yucaipa, finished fourth and fifth.

In the Legends main, Art Neville of Acton won despite starting in ninth position.

Only 47 drivers competed Saturday. Usually, the Legends cars total that number alone.

Dave Doll and Arlam DeJong of Long Beach outlasted seven other competitors to win the trains race.

Steve Dyer of Long Beach didn't receive much of a challenge for two-thirds of the Legends main, leading by as many as 10 car-lengths. Neville catapulted into contention when Frank Schneider of Riverside and Steve Smith of Escondido, locked in a battle for third place for 20 laps, finally took each other out.

Rod Anderson surrendered second place to Neville in the same lap. Dyer lost the lead to Neville in Turn 3 of Lap 21, but held on for a second-place finish.